



Town of Leesburg

2015 Legislative Agenda

Adopted on November 10, 2014

(Items are not arranged in priority order)

A. Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

- i. **Voting Representation:** The Town Council requests amendment of State Code Section 15.2-4832 to provide towns located within counties embraced by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority voting representation on the Authority.
- ii. **Revenue Distribution:** The Town Council requests amendment of State Code Section 15.2-4838.1 to clarify that the distribution of the 30 percent of NVTAs revenues to the localities includes distribution to towns and shall be based on point of sale.

B. Transit Funding

The Town Council requests the process for awarding state funding to localities through the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the operation of public transit systems be streamlined into a single annual appropriation based on both cost and system performance factors, providing a minimum of 25 percent reimbursement of total operating costs.

C. Restoration of HB 599 Law Enforcement Assistance Funding

The Town Council requests the General Assembly fully restore HB 599 Law Enforcement Assistance Funding to funding levels per the established formulas.

D. Revision of the Local Fines & Fees Distribution

The Town Council requests a revision of the local fines and fees distribution that allows localities to retain all fines and fees resulting from citations issued by local law enforcement officers.

E. Private Unmanned Aircraft – Drones

To support the privacy and safety of Town residents, the Town Council supports legislation that would allow for local regulation over the use of private drones.

F. Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) Taxes

The Town Council opposes legislation that would eliminate the BPOL tax, unless current revenue from the BPOL tax is replaced with new local revenue that is distributed directly to each locality based on point of sale. Further, the Town Council requests that if the BPOL tax is eliminated localities be granted the authority to issue an annual license to businesses physically located within the locality for a nominal fee.

G. Construction of Grade-Separated Interchanges

The Town Council requests dedicated funding for the construction of grade-separated interchanges to replace the current at-grade signalized intersections in the following locations:

- i. Edwards Ferry Road at the Route 15 Bypass, incorporating the intersection of Fort Evans Road and the Route 15 Bypass, as well as facilities that will allow safe pedestrian passage across the Bypass
- ii. Battlefield Parkway at Route 7 (East Market Street)
- iii. Battlefield Parkway at the Route 15 Bypass

H. Water Quality Funding

The Town Council adopts the Virginia Municipal League's position on water quality funding, urging the federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide adequate funding for capital improvements to sewage treatment plants, stormwater systems, sanitary sewer overflow systems and combined storm and sanitary sewer overflow systems.

I. Repeal HB 1307 - Temporary Family Health Care Structures (Code Section 15.2-2292.1)

The Town Council requests the repeal of HB 1307, which requires that localities allow temporary family health care structures as a by-right use in all residential zoning districts.

J. Tree Save Efforts

- i. The Town Council requests amendments to State Code Section 15.2-961 that would grant localities the authority to require private new construction projects to save existing trees.
- ii. The Town Council supports changes in VDOT road standards that would allow greater flexibility to save mature trees during road construction, especially in highway medians.

K. Bills of Financial Impact to the Town

Reinstate the requirement that bills resulting in a net expenditure and/or net decrease in revenue for local governments be filed on or before the first day the legislature convenes

L. Bicyclist Safety("Dooring")

The Town supports legislation that would require drivers and passengers of vehicles to look for oncoming cyclists before opening vehicle doors and supports treating a violation of this requirement as a traffic infraction.